

their outstanding contributions to military health care.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE  
JAMES

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce James, who is retiring after 3½ years as the Public Printer of the United States.

Bruce James was appointed by President Bush to be the Public Printer of the United States in 2002 and made a commitment to serve three to five years. Bruce is able to claim many successes during his tenure as the Public Printer of the United States, most notably that he took a government office operating at a \$35 million-a-year deficit and made it profitable, using those profits to reorganize the agency to increase the use of digital technology and the Internet in carrying out its business.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bruce James for his distinguished record as head of the Government Printing Office. In this role as a public servant he served with honor and dignity. I wish him the best in his retirement and with any future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BEAVER COUNTY  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Beaver County Children & Youth Services.

The Beaver County Children & Youth Services organization helps place children who are victims of child abuse in safe foster homes. The program has three different areas of service, which include general protective services, teen protective services and substitute care.

On April 27, 2006, the Commissioners of Beaver County will announce that May 2006 will be designated as "Beaver County Foster Parent Month." As part of the event, the Beaver County Children & Youth Services will tie a blue ribbon to a large tree for each child in placement throughout Beaver County. In addition, there will be a large blue ribbon displayed in the courthouse for the duration of Foster Parent Month. Protecting children is an important issue and I commend the efforts of the staff at the Beaver County Children & Youth Services.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Beaver County Children & Youth Services and Beaver County Foster Parent Month.

A TRIBUTE TO EVA MURILLO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Eva Murillo. Ms. Murillo was a prominent advocate for victims and survivors of violent crime in the State of California. She passed away on April 4, 2005.

Eva Murillo was born on July 29, 1946 in Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico. She came to the United States at the age of 11 and lived in Sacramento, California where she became a United States citizen. Ms. Murillo earned her B.A. in Liberal Studies from California State University Northridge and upon graduation she worked as a Project Coordinator for El Proyecto, where she helped at-risk youth. In 1991 a business trip led her to Hanford, California, where she fell in love with the community and its small town charm. She immediately decided to move her family there.

Shortly after her arrival in Hanford, Ms. Murillo worked with Kingsview Community Services. It was there that she discovered her passion to help victims of crime and embarked on a life-filling career. Mrs. Murillo's advocacy efforts include her twelve years of distinguished service to the Kings County Victim Witness Assistance Program, in which she compassionately pioneered efforts to help women in abusive relationships. Ms. Murillo's work ethic proved that working for victims and survivors of violent crime was more than just a job, but a way to give back to her community. Her uncanny ability to bring people together and her sincere demeanor truly represented the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme of "Strength in Unity."

On March 26, 2006, Ms. Murillo accepted an award from the Soroptimists International of Hanford for making a difference in her community. An excerpt from the award given to Ms. Murillo described her as a person with "true compassion for those she came into contact with."

To honor the tremendous contribution of Mrs. Murillo, the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus has decided to name one of our annual victim's rights awards after her. It will be called "The Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award." This award will be given to a crime victim/survivor who has taken a personal tragedy to triumph over adversity. The honoree is a person who has utilized his or her experiences as a crime victim to promote public education and awareness, public policy development, or greater awareness about crime victim's rights and needs. Their efforts result in increased help and hope for other victims and survivors of crime.

Eva Murillo is survived by her husband Tomas and three children: Gerald, Jo Ann and Lory. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law Irma and three grandchildren: Jade, Julian and Justine.

Eva Murillo cared deeply about advocating for victims and witnesses of violent crime. Her warm and compassionate personality which inspired those around her will be missed deeply by the people of Kings County. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family.

HONORING AL TROUT, MANAGER  
OF THE BEAR RIVER MIGRA-  
TORY BIRD REFUGE, BOX ELDER  
COUNTY, UTAH

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the Nation's premier refuge, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, is located just west of my home in Brigham City. I rise today in tribute to Mr. Al Trout, who has served as the refuge manager for the last seventeen years and is now retiring after an illustrious career with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Al came to Utah and the refuge in 1989, inheriting a rented office with no staff and little budget. Al rallied hundreds of volunteers who donated nearly seventeen thousand hours of labor and raised fifty thousand dollars in cash to reopen the refuge which had been decimated by floods six years earlier. The refuge now covers over seventy four thousand acres of wetlands, marshes, mudflats and open water. Over one hundred varieties of common and exotic bird species frequent the refuge. Bird counts during the peak migration months are up into the millions, from as far away as Russia, Central America and the Pacific Islands. In 2001, the refuge was designated as the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve. For his efforts, Al was named Refuge Manager of the Year in 2001, the Service's most prestigious award.

Al played a key role in the revival of one of the Nation's oldest refuges, created by an act of Congress in 1928. Al was instrumental in the creation of the Friends of Bear River Refuge, which raised 1.5 million dollars for the construction of the recently dedicated James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center, which is a destination point for birders throughout the world and stands as a testament of Al's vision, determination, and efforts in restoring the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

Thank you, Al, for the air boat tours of the refuge and your excellent management of the refuge—you will be missed! Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. I extend to you, your lovely wife, and your three children my best wishes for success in the years that lie ahead.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS IN  
THE DESERT

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers of Friends in the Desert for their tireless effort to provide food to the needy.

Six days a week, volunteers with Friends in the Desert feed the homeless of Henderson, Nevada out of the dining hall at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Their efforts not only fill the daily nutritional needs for some of the communities less fortunate members, but also provide them with a taste of home cooking, rather than institutional food. The more than 3,000 volunteers associated with Friends in the Desert

served more than 20,000 dinners during the year. The system used by this non-profit group harnesses the good intentions of a wide swath of the Henderson community. Friends in the Desert provides a place for the privileged members of society to reach out to those less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the volunteers of Friends in the Desert for their commitment to helping provide food for the homeless. The sheer size and scope of their operation is a testament to their dedication and their efforts should be applauded.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD R. RUBANO,  
JR.

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Superintendent of Farrell School District Richard R. Rubano, Jr.

Mr. Rubano not only serves as the Superintendent of the schools in Farrell, but also teaches a leadership class to juniors and seniors in the school district one day a week. The subjects taught in the class vary from speech preparation to key decisionmaking to job and college outlook. This leadership class has become very popular among students in the Farrell School District.

Mr. Rubano has been the superintendent of the Farrell School District since 1997. Before becoming the superintendent, Mr. Rubano spent many years as a teacher, then principal. Mr. Rubano has served as a team facilitator for a group of ten who designed new math curriculum for grades K-6. He also assisted in writing the district's Act 178 Professional Development Plan. Mr. Rubano has dedicated his career to bettering the education of young minds.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing all of the hard work and time Richard R. Rubano Jr. has put in to make the school district better. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated individual like Richard R. Rubano, Jr.

IN HONOR OF LINDA ROSENTHAL  
ON THE OCCASION OF HER ELEC-  
TION TO THE NEW YORK STATE  
ASSEMBLY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda Rosenthal on the occasion of her election to the New York State Assembly. After a lifetime on the Upper West Side, more than 2 decades of community activism, and 13 years as my Manhattan District Director and Director of Special Projects, on February 28th, 2006, Linda was elected to represent the 67th Assembly District. Assemblywoman Rosenthal's dedication to her constituents continues the West Side's legacy

of progressive politics and independent representation in Albany.

Linda first got involved in politics after a dispute with her landlord more than 20 years ago. This experience led her to become a staunch advocate of tenants' rights. Throughout her career, Linda has worked with both individuals and with community groups to secure funding and legislation to help low- and middle-income residents.

As Manhattan Director and Director of Special Projects for the 8th Congressional District, Linda was instrumental in enacting several initiatives to enhance the quality of life for the residents of my District. Linda has been a relentless advocate of such community improvement projects as the Hudson River Park, the 72nd Street subway renovation, various senior and community centers, local parks, playgrounds, and green spaces.

Perhaps Linda's most significant contribution followed the notorious attacks on the World Trade Center in my district on September 11, 2001. Following the attacks, Linda passionately fought the Environmental Protection Agency to provide adequate clean-up efforts to improve the air quality for those who live and work in lower Manhattan. The fight is ongoing, but her dedication to the cause may well save countless lives. Linda also worked strenuously to compel the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation to free up more Federal grant money to aid in the economic recovery of small businesses in the area.

In Albany, Assemblywoman Rosenthal has hit the ground running. Since taking office, she has already introduced significant legislation, sponsored over 40 bills, testified before State agencies, and met with community leaders and constituents about the issues facing our neighborhood. She has also been named to the Committees on Housing; Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Agriculture; Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; and Energy.

Linda Rosenthal is the kind of public servant every Member of Congress wants to work with. Her selfless dedication to her job, her fierce protection of my office and my reputation, and her genuine interest in helping the greater good, are all a testament to her character. I am saddened to see her leave my office after 13 years, but I am also deeply proud of her. I can't think of anyone who deserves to hold public office more than Linda.

For her commitment to her neighborhood, her city, her State, and her Nation, it is my privilege to congratulate Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal on her record of distinguished service, and on her recent election, and to join the rest of her constituents in high expectations of her future public service.

IN HONOR OF ELSA GREENBERG  
ON THE OCCASION OF HER 70TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsa Greenberg on the occasion of her 70th birthday. Elsa was born April 25th 1936, in Providence, Rhode Island, six minutes after her twin sister Saralee. Elsa grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts and Port-

land, Maine, and when she was 13, she moved to Miami, Florida.

Elsa studied at the Universities of Alabama and Miami, where she learned to dance and studied education and social psychology. She was married in 1956 to Mel Greenberg, who would later found the Miami-based Greenberg Traurig law firm in 1967.

A devoted wife and mother of three children—Dianne, Carol, and Michael—Elsa was widely-known in South Florida as a thoughtful and gracious hostess, and, with Mel, a generous philanthropist and engaged citizen. She was for many years an avid classical music and tennis fan, a political devotee, and a gourmet cook, even picking up the art of macrobiotic cooking after Mel was diagnosed with cancer. Elsa and Mel were married for 38 years.

Elsa now devotes herself primarily to her family. Invariably, she can be found with her children and their spouses Steve, Mark, and Maria and her grandchildren Arik, Ditty, Daniel, Josh, Brian, Melanie, and Carolina. Elsa continues to be a refined hostess, now passing on her secrets to her family. She has also taken up knitting, amazing her family and friends with her impressive mastery of the craft. Elsa Greenberg continues to be a strong political enthusiast and is, in short, a patriotic citizen—the kind of constituent we all want in our districts.

For her commitment to her family, to her community, and to her nation, it is my privilege to wish Elsa Greenberg a very happy 70th birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SIGRID  
SOMMER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 27, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sigrid Sommer for her wonderful service to Las Vegas and her commitment to public international education.

Sigrid Sommer has served with great distinction as Germany's Honorary Consul in the Las Vegas area and beyond. She has enjoyed the highest possible respect for her professional accomplishments, as well as affection for her warmth and friendliness, by all those who have had the privilege of working with her, both in Germany and the United States. She has resided in the Las Vegas area for some 30 years and comes from a distinguished family of diplomats and journalists in Germany. She is a fixture in local business, cultural and political affairs and is married to another well-respected member of the Las Vegas community, attorney George Golson. She has received many accolades for her personal and professional accomplishments, most notably receiving the "Cross of Merit" from the German government in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Sigrid Sommer for her personal and professional success. I wish her the best in her retirement.